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## Hitler Grows Desperate, Fearing Mussolini May Desert The Axis

# "NOW OR NEVER" CRISIS IN NAZI HIGH COMMAND

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

### Reason For Confidence

THE British Government is well posted in every phase of the internal Axis troubles and has at its disposal many methods not yet used, first to increase them and then to take full strategic and tactical advantages of the situation.

Actual British military measures may not be discussed here, but there is the soundest reason for the calm confidence of Mr. Churchill, and provided we do not fail to maintain our war effort, the day may be nearer at hand than we now think when the tide is turned against Hitler.

### Italians Hated

## SYRIA IS ON VERGE OF REVOLT

Cairo, Saturday. GREAT DISSATISFACTION AMONG THE FRENCH FORCES IN SYRIA IS REPORTED BY THE NEWSPAPER "ALMO KATTAM," WHICH IS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THAT COUNTRY.

The paper says that a Colonel of the Italian Armistice Commission has been assaulted in Beirut by a crowd of Syrians, who stripped him of his badges and tore his uniform.

The French National Committee in Egypt has reported a "tremendous change of sentiment" in Syria in favour of joining General de Gaulle, since the arrival of the Italian Armistice Commission.

"Resentment against Italian efforts to disarm Syria is running high and an explosion may come at any moment," said a spokesman of the Committee.

"Thirty resolute officers could probably swing the balance at this moment."

### OIL THRUST

"A month ago, Syria was apathetically following the Vichy Government's policy," the spokesman said.

"The Mission has been badly received by Syria and the Lebanese French alike."

"It is feared that if the Italians can secure the disarmament of Syria they may land enough men by air to seize control of the country. This would be followed by a thrust at the Mosul oilfields in Iran to cut off Britain's main oil supply in the Near East."—A.P.

CASH CROSSWORDS,  
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WHILE BRITAIN STANDS SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, CONFIDENT IN FINAL VICTORY, AND READY TO MEET WHATEVER ONSLAUGHT HITLER MAY PLAN TO DELIVER BEFORE THE WEATHER CHANGES, I AM ABLE TO REVEAL THAT BEHIND THE POSSIBILITY OF IMMEDIATE INVASION, BEHIND THE RUTHLESS MASS MURDER FROM THE AIR, HE IS FACED WITH AN INTERNAL CRISIS WHICH IS STEADILY FORCING HIM INTO A MORE DANGEROUS POSITION THAN EVER BEFORE.

In the last fortnight several entirely new developments have become apparent in the Nazi High Command plans. All are desperate expedients.

While there is still reason to believe that important differences of Nazi opinion exist on the advisability of invasion at this late season, reliable information reaching me shows that Hitler has secured unity and co-operation among his advisers only by stressing the possibility of a new internal crisis which till now had not been considered possible.

### ITALIAN BREAKAWAY

HE HAS EMPHASISED THAT UNLESS AN EARLY AND DECISIVE VICTORY OVER BRITAIN CAN BE OBTAINED—WHATEVER THE COST—GERMANY MUST FACE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ITALIAN BREAKAWAY FROM THE AXIS WAR SCHEME.

It is not denied that this possibility will leave an exposed and vulnerable Nazi flank in addition to the weak spots they now have to guard in the Balkans and on the Russian frontier, but it is also admitted by the Nazi High Command that it might be accomplished in two ways:—

(1.) By a serious Italian reverse at the hands of the reinforced British naval and military forces in the Near East.

(2.) By the loss of confidence among the Italian people in German ability to beat England.

Neutral observers in close touch with Rome tell me that such a turn of events is far from being as remote as may be thought at first sight, that it depends entirely on the results of the next few days or weeks.

Since the collapse of France many differences on war policy and on the division of spoils are known to have caused a certain amount of friction between the two dictators.

As the invasion "season" has slipped by and the promised defeat of England has not materialised, Mussolini has demanded an unequivocal reply from Hitler as to where Italy stands for her supplies of food, raw materials and war supplies. If the war is prolonged in spite of Hitler's assurances that it would be over this summer.

So far Hitler has been unable to give a satisfactory answer.

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## Astrologer Predicts Italian Rout

Cairo, Saturday. THE Egyptian newspaper "Al Misri" says that the well-known Egyptian astrologer, Mohamed Mohamed el Hariry Effendi, whose prophecies of the declaration of war, the entry of Italy into the conflict, and the collapse of France came true, now predicts that:

1. The Italian Fleet will be drawn into the open and trapped by the British Fleet, suffering very heavily;
2. Italy will attack the Valley of the Nile from Upper Egypt and Sudan;

### Duce Says "Convoys Bombed"

## OUR PATROLS ON THE ALERT

ITALIAN TROOPS, ALTHOUGH IN NUMERICAL SUPERIORITY, STILL PREFER TO KEEP ON THE DEFENSIVE IN LIBYA. THE DUCE'S LONG-PROMISED OFFENSIVE AGAINST EGYPT IS STILL HANGING FIRE.

So to bolster up the crumbling morale of the Italian people, the Duce's High Command yesterday claimed two successful attacks on British convoys in the Mediterranean.

"One convoy protected by warships was attacked by our bombers and torpedoed from the air," said the Rome communiqué. "One steamer was hit by a torpedo. It developed a heavy list and was left behind by the convoy."

"Reconnaissance later proved that it had disappeared and had most probably been sunk."

"Another convoy, also protected by warships, was repeatedly at-

tacked by our bombers, which registered hits on a freighter, and probably also on one warship."

"In spite of violent A.A. fire all our planes returned."

It was stated authoritatively in London yesterday that the Italians in Libya are apparently strengthening their covering forces.

All operations so far have been on the Italian side of the frontier, and we have carried out raids into Italian territory.

In the Northern sector, these raids have only penetrated a comparatively short distance, but on the Southern sector our mobile forces have pushed forward much more deeply, harassing the Italians right flank and rear.

The Italian policy has been to gradually push forward dumps of petrol, ammunition, food and water and form posts to defend them. Their object is consistent with a policy of ultimately taking the offensive.

In the Northern sector the Italians formerly held posts such as Capuzzo, but in the Southern sector they had to start much further back.

### DIFFICULT TASK

One of the first posts they made was at Gabr Saleh. From here they have recently pushed on to Sidi Omar, practically on the Libyan-Egyptian frontier.

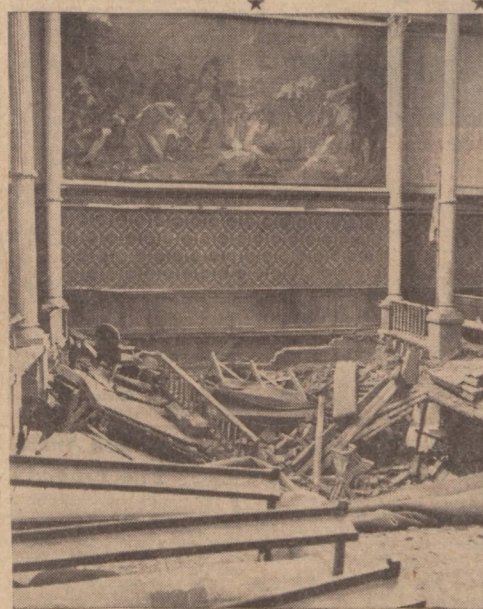
They hope that this post will hinder the activities of our patrols. The Italian war effort is belittled in the weekly article, "In the News," attributed to Mr. W. R. Hearst, in the "New York Journal American."

"Italy threatened to conquer Egypt, but that is an empty threat," says the article, which is quoted by Reuters. "When the Mediterranean had been swept clear of Italian warships, the British Navy safely conducted a mighty convoy laden with soldiers from the Dominions to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal."

"It will be a difficult task for Italy to capture the Canal now."

### PALACE CHAPEL WRECKED

THE wrecked interior of the chapel after the daylight bombing of Buckingham Palace on Friday.



## OUR BOMBERS TURN FRENCH COAST INTO SHEET OF FLAME

# R.A.F. Again Hammer Invasion Bases

WHILE HITLER IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH HIS INVASION ATTEMPT ON BRITAIN ANY DAY NOW, THE R.A.F. FURIOUSLY ATTACKED INVASION BASES IN THE FRENCH CHANNEL PORTS HOUR AFTER HOUR DURING FRIDAY NIGHT

So fierce was the onslaught that the whole coastline from Boulogne to well north of Dunkirk seemed to be on fire.

The attack began at dusk and lasted until 5 a.m. yesterday. Flashes of exploding bombs, shells of A.A. guns, tracer bullets and flares were visible along the whole coast.

An Air Ministry communiqué says that barges at Rotterdam were also bombed and an attack made on a convoy of tankers off the mole at Zeebrugge, in which one ship exploded after a direct hit.

Two of our aircraft were lost. Heavy thuds of the explosions were felt on the English side of the Channel and the Kent coast fairly shook. It was the fiercest

### 11 DOWN

AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE issued last night states: "Two enemy bombers were shot down by anti-aircraft guns in the early hours of this (Saturday) morning—that is, during the night attacks. This makes three during the night. "Six more enemy aircraft have been shot down by our fighters during today, in addition to the two already announced in our earlier communiqué."

"The total enemy aircraft destroyed reported up to 8.30 p.m. is 11 since midnight. Four of our fighters are lost, but the pilot of one is safe."

and most prolonged bombardment of the French coast so far.

The enemy put up a heavy A.A. barrage but without apparent effect for the British bombs kept raining down.

Details of the hammering were given in a bulletin issued last night by the Air Ministry News Service.

### BARGES BOMBED

The first sortie of the night was directed against the harbour of Boulogne. Barges in the harbour basins were bombed in a series of low-level and shallow dive attacks and hits were also scored on the adjoining wharves and jetties.

Several large fires broke out as a result of the bombing, one of which followed a heavy explosion, accompanied by a brilliant red flash.

At Ostend, where the docks were subjected to hour's bombardment, sticks of heavy bombs fell across the rows of barges and several aircraft crews reported that the bursting of their bombs was followed by green and red flashes and outbreaks of fire.

In one dive-attack, made across the outer port, a line of barges scored direct hits on barges and started two fires.

The raid on Dunkirk began shortly after midnight and was pressed home despite strong opposition from ground batteries and searchlight posts ranged round the harbour.

## FRENCH WARSHIPS ON THE MOVE

Reported At  
Dakar

Vichy, Saturday.

THE arrival at Dakar, Senegal, from Toulon, of the cruisers Montcalm, Georges Leygues and the Gloire, accompanied by three destroyers, was announced by the Navy Ministry in Vichy today.

With their arrival they had completed the first French major naval movement since the armistice, said the announcement.

### FOOD WAITING

No official explanation of the movement of these warships is available in Vichy, but it is believed that their purpose is to protect trade routes with Dakar, Casablanca and other ports where foodstuffs are understood to be awaiting shipment to France.—B.U.P.

Note: These three vessels, with their escorts, were reported earlier in the week to have passed Gibraltar.

### Air Exercises Accident

## Japanese Bomb Hits British Liner

Tokio, Saturday.

A LIVE BOMB WAS DROPPED BY A JAPANESE PLANE ON A 17,000-TON BRITISH LINER WHILE ON HER WAY TO YOKOHAMA. THE TOKIO NAVY MINISTRY ANNOUNCED TODAY.

The plane was on exercises when the bomb fell. Slight damage was done to the ship's stern and four Chinese in the crew were hurt.

The Ministry said that the plane mistook the liner for a target and dropped a small

practice bomb. No serious repercussions are expected. Japanese naval surgeons were sent on board the liner when she reached port and apologies had been made.

The liner's purser said that the liner's next sailing would be to schedule, as no structural damage was done.—B.U.P.

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THE WEEK'S

# FOOD FACTS No. 8

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Save food! Save money! Save cargo space for munitions!



Remember to turn on the wireless at 8.15 every morning. You'll hear many useful household hints

## ON THE KITCHEN FRONT

### BLACKBERRY JAM

Allow 1 lb. sugar to each lb. fruit. The blackberries must not be over-ripe. Put the fruit in a pan, and after sprinkling the sugar over it, let it stand for 3 or 4 hours. Place the pan over a low fire and stir with a wooden spoon until the sugar is quite dissolved and the mixture comes to the boil. Boil rapidly for 15 minutes stirring all the time.

Then begin to test by cooling a little jam on a plate. If the surface sets and wrinkles when you push it with your finger, the jam is at setting-point. Take the pan from the fire. Cool a little. Remove the scum if it is very thick and pour the jam into clean, dry, warm jars. Cover immediately. If the jam is for immediate use, only 1 lb. sugar is necessary for each lb. fruit.

### A Grand Use for Stale Bread

Cut the stale ends of your loaves into neat pieces and bake them in the oven whenever you happen to have it on. They make crisp, delicious rusks, excellent for the children's teeth.

### Grated Carrot Sandwich

Carrots are an exceptionally health-giving food and are rich in natural sugar. A grated carrot sandwich, preferably made with wholemeal bread, is a fine sustainer for an energetic child.

**HEALTH HINT.** Steam your vegetables rather than boil them. Steaming conserves their goodness. If you have to boil them, use very little water and save that water for gravy or soup. Never over-cook them. It wastes fuel and destroys much of their nourishing content.

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## AUTUMN LUMBAGO

Now is the time to keep a watchful eye on Lumbago and its axis-partner Rheumatism. These furtive enemies of humanity are usually at their worst when the weather is changeable, warm one day, chilly the next, misty mornings and cool evenings. Unsuspected deposits of uric acid become affected and your first symptom is a pain that penetrates to the very core.

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# AS HANNEN SURVEYS SEES IT

THIS WEEK, APPARENTLY, IS A WEEK OF TEST. OUR PREMIER, IN WORDS THAT WERE A TYPICALLY CHURCHILLIAN BLEND OF WARNING AND CONFIDENCE, HAS TOLD US SO—TOLD THE WHOLE WORLD, IN FACT—UPON THE AIR.

Hitler's armed ships wait in all the Channel ports, preparing for his threatened attempt at invasion of our shores, but bombed nightly by our gallant Crusaders of the Air.

Our troops stand, eager to attack their foe. The Home Guard are alert. Behind them, in some places in their ranks, are women ambulance workers, nurses, drivers, experts at first-aid.

A united people await the oncoming of a monstrous force of mechanised brutishness. They do not shrink.

The dragon, this time, has scales of steel. But St. George does not quail. Calm in the sacredness of his task, he is ready to rescue not a maiden now, but all Civilisation.

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I DO not wonder that William Joyce, the Fascist traitor, the Liar of Zeelen, raved into incoherence when, replying to Churchill three hours after, he said that not even Hitler had promised us worse than our Premier had done.

So contradictory was his ranting that while, in one sentence, he boasted that our ineffective R.A.F. could not prevent the bombing of London, he immediately raged about the murderous raids on Berlin and its "sacred" monuments, forgetting that this meant the ineffectiveness of Goering's vaunted Luftwaffe.

We expected, on the outbreak of war, worse than we have experienced even now—yet Goering had boasted to his dupes that not one bomb would fall on Berlin.

Well, the Tiergarten is their Hyde Park. The Brandenburg Gate is their Marble Arch, but more historic than that. Under Piccadilly, both in one, The Reichstag is, except that it has only gagged free speech, their House of Commons. And the Wilhelmstrasse is their Whitehall and Downing Street.

All have been bombed! The sacred Reichstag is affronted. For the first time an enemy has not only hit back at the gangsters of Germany, but struck at their very heart.

So, if only because of his boasting, Hitler must attempt to invade us. If he does not he will be the laughing-stock of the world and lose, if they ever learn anything, the poor dupe, the worship of the Nazi masses to whom he has been described as "The Holy Ghost."

## Londoners Stalwart Under The Threat

HOPING to spread panic in our midst—that is how he conquered the Low Countries and France—Hitler has launched, almost continuously, air raids on London.

"Little does he know the spirit of the British nation or the tough fibre of Londoners," said Churchill.

The traffic of the Commonwealth's capital is upset. I had to walk all the way back from the East End the other night.

Its postal system suffers from delay. I have received letters two and three days late.

Delivery of goods is held up. I do not get my morning newspapers, sometimes, until after the early evening editions are on sale outside my flat.

And we are subject to almost incessant nightly bombings. I am now sleeping in a basement.

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I WROTE these words in an office which had all its windows broken. But I did write them.

And, despite the ruined buildings and the fires, despite the gas and the bombs, despite the homelessness of hundreds, London is London still!

I have seen painful destruction in some parts of the East End. But I have not seen any panic.

There is, in the mood of the common man and woman, a high resolution that will yet save mankind.

You cannot, except with wet eyes, watch the work of the countless thousands who, in a new-born comradeship, fight the flames, rescue those in danger, guard the bombed streets, do first-aid work.

They have forgotten Class. They are Catholics and Jews and Salvationists, members of all the creeds—but all that is merged in the labours of succour.

Mosley tried to stir up trouble by finding the differences and exaggerating them. He is in Brixton Jail, and the East End street which, more than any other, was his stronghold—I have myself seen him with a mock-Hitler salute, leading Blackshirts through the cheers—has been twice bombed! I wonder what, today, his mugs think of the Hitler they admired so—and of him?

Well, Brixton Jail is a nice air raid shelter. Only a direct hit would damage it. And Mosley, if he feels lonely, can at least listen



MR. A. V. ALEXANDER

to the bombs of the Nazis, once his friends, and the sound of the sirens which end with the moaning of an indiarubber "dying pig"....

## A Midnight Walk Across London

IT was on Wednesday, during the fifth of London's all-night raids, that when I was walking across London, because it was the only way of getting home, I found temporary shelter during terrific gunfire in an official's post.

"It sounds like music," said a nurse, using a phrase I was to hear many times in the next few hours.

Asking why, I was told of how the barrage was intensified, how there were mobile guns in the streets, and how the Navy was to take its part in defending London.

The West End was as dead and silent as the days of the Great Plague that you read about, when "Bring out your dead" was the only sound.

Except that I know London so well, I could not have found my way; for every now and then I was turned off from a roped-in area. "Warnings to 'Take cover' was all I heard except the sound of guns.

The mansions of the rich and the homes of the poor all shared the common peril. There was much less damage that night. Indeed, the next day, an auxiliary fireman said, "Well, Hannan, we got 'em under last night." We were standing right outside my flat. He pointed to the East. "It was the first time for five nights," he said, "that there were no big fires visible over there."

Then he told me how he and his mates had been on duty for five days and nights continuously, taking off only their boots, and on call after call.

"They used to laugh at us," he said. "It's different now."

History, had it room, would record thousands of tales of heroism of this last week in London. The stories, for instance, of the young women who have shared the peril of the bombs, during the work of rescue, with seasoned veterans of the last war.

Everywhere I went I heard of this.

## Smashing Up Massed Attacks

WELL, there came news that evening that, thanks to the arms-workers—those who have worked through the raids themselves despite the danger—orders had been given to the officer in charge of London's defences that, now, he could blaze away all he liked.

Formerly ammunition was only used when the searchlights found a target. By Thursday London was able to put up a barrage through which it was hoped, no large force could break.

Indeed the German wireless broadcast, late while Thursday night's raid, of what it was going to do, not knowing what awaited the raiders. So that night we heard few bombs but many, many guns.

The warning lasted for longer and soon after while people were going to work there came two other warnings, one after the other. The second lasted until after lunch.

So apparently Germany's reply to a barrage which could smash up a massed attack was to be a series of raiders, singly or in small groups. Failing to destroy us, they planned to wear us down.

Anyway, the smashing of London at whatever cost was vital to Hitler's invasion plans.

Meanwhile the bombing of his waiting fleets in all the North Sea and Channel ports went on.

"And the Navy is ready," declared A. V. Alexander, the First Lord, when I met him at a luncheon. He was cheerful enough. He knew that upon our warships there lay a greater responsibility than even Nelson knew—but it would plan it with a calm efficiency greater than at any time in his history.

Have you ever seen a crowded troopship? It is the most clumsy of all vessels on the seas. Hitler's craft will face grave perils if ever they put to sea. If our destroyers get among them there, there will be havoc.

And, should some get through, never was Britain itself so strong.

## Life Among The Bombs And Fires

NOW, so far as I am concerned, there have been explosive bombs all around my flat during the last week, the nearest perhaps fifty yards away. Then one fell in a new but unused building part of our offices, smashing the windows where I work.

That sort of thing has been the experience of hundreds of thousands of Londoners. They have had little gas. They have found it hard to get a job. Their business lives have been disorganised and made difficult. They are tired and a little dull, perhaps, but they are still cheerful.

We are all at times a bit irritable, perhaps, critical of each other.

Now let me, because of this, stress the need for everyone being determined to look on the best side of everything.

We are enduring bombardments worse than Warsaw did; but, unlike Warsaw, we are defended. We are facing what Madrid had to face month after month; but, unlike the brave Spaniards, we have guns and shells. We have hundreds of homes, but China is said to have 60,000,000.

## Cheerfulness Amid The Tragedy

LIFE has its grim humour. A colleague who had parked his car safely in a narrow street, took a few hours later to find—well, that there wasn't much of a car left.

Then a photographer working for "Life," the American weekly, saw, when small incendiary bombs fell near Trafalgar-square, a woman walk up and warm her hands at the flames of one of them.

"Gee, these Cockneys are tough," he said. "I wouldn't have believed it! The bomb might have gone off again at any moment!"

Actually, she "didn't know it was loaded."

Then there goes on what may be the beginning of a great trek....

I have seen, moving from the East End, thousands of people with small belongings in bags and portable trunks, and among them Indians, Chinamen, Negroes and half-castes of all kinds, the mixed-up nationalities that you see in the docklands of all the ports of the world.

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THE House of Commons has been missed by a river's breadth. A music-hall has been destroyed, and a great cinema. And not only the humble homes of the poor have become ruins in the East End, but in the West End, even Buckingham Palace has had its blow.

But the King and Queen move about cheerfully, if with sorrow when they see the devastation. They take occasional shelter, as does everybody else. But, everywhere, the morale is a model for the world.

I have seen old men of eighty and even older sitting in Evening Home run by the Salvation Army near the docks, the windows all gone, but all of them saying they would rather die there than be moved.

Even on the morning after East London's worst raid, I heard the people of Stepney declare they would never leave a borough in which they had been born and in which they would die.

Clement Attlee has been down to see the Limehouse for which he sits, planning with Dr. J. J. Mallon, head of Toybee Hall, where Attlee became a Socialist, the sheltering of the homeless and the feeding of the hungry. Winston Churchill has seen the chaos.

Herbert Morrison, who founded London's civil defence, has walked about, heartening the brave workers he first organised. Charles Latham, his successor, sits in County Hall, directing operations. We all do our jobs. I never hear of a slacker.

They are tragic days. But they are great days. The Fire of London was nothing to it.

I am proud, indeed, to be a Briton.

I hear every now and then of people I know who have suffered or who have just escaped.

## You Will Agree

# Adversity Does Bring Real Leaders

DO YOU EVER THINK OF FORMERLY ESTEEMED BIG-SHOTS WHO HAVE "RATTED" IN THIS WAR? DO YOU APPRECIATE TREACHERY THAT FALLS SO LOW AS TO SACRIFICE FRIENDS AND CRAWL FOR ENEMY FAVOURS?

Think of Leopold of Belgium, handsome as a film star, once respected throughout Europe. Think of doddering Pétain, and black Laval.

Consider a few would-be rats in our country, hoping for enemy victories, and ready to betray their own people.

Consider others among us who, though on our side, prepared for and waged war in a manner undisturbing to their easy peace.

In due course, good-looking Leopold desperately called for French and British aid, and then threw in, without a word of warning.

Now he sits prettily in the palace granted to him by his masters as a dishonourable reward.

Meanwhile, the Vichy gang of arch-rattlers is staging a trial of a number of their old co-mates and countrymen.

THEY eagerly search for scapegoats. They sever relations with the Dutch Government. This, in order to curry favour with loathsome Boche gangsters, and ensure the safety of individual personal interests and estates.

And when you think deeply enough, you get the correct answer.

Adversity makes men, and long prosperity makes weaklings. Hard lives of endeavour turn out men of steel. Soft luxury produces creatures of straw.

How can anyone reasonably expect the impossible? These idols had feet of clay. Long accustomed to hereditary comforts, they had not the strength to prove themselves great in time of their country's need.

Instead, they broke like rotten reeds. They had been

nurtured among nursemaids, obedient servants, yes men and weakening pleasure.

Not for them were the sweet uses of adversity, the courage rising above reverses, the hardy spirit born of schemes shattered by misfortune.

Perhaps, therefore, there is excuse for them.

No such story can be told about the way Britons came from homes rich in tradition and lineage to take their rightful place in the fight against Hitlerism. They proved—and are proving—that they can fight and endure with the best of the nation.

From luxury homes, too, the men of Britain answered the call. They too, have showed none of the rottenness which brought about the fall of France.

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FOR nine months French generals posed for photographs in braided caps and tiers of ribbons.

They were idolised before they showed the least ability in modern fighting. Since France's defeat they have behaved like hypnotised rabbits.

People everywhere go on worshipping exalted rank which has never been tested in the furnace of life.

How much more rational is honour paid to leaders of strength, intelligence, and devotion to the service of their countrymen!

It is, of course, argued that some difference in social

status is inevitable in all communities. That may be so, but I add, firstly, that distinctions ought to be fairly earned, and, secondly, that they should end at the death of those who gained them.

Victoria Crosses do not carry with them hereditary rights.

All fair-minded folk are in favour of personal merit alone counting at each phase of life. Neither privilege, birth, class, tradition, nor graft should dig anyone into any post.

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AND that brings me to the of regrettable truth that, at this late stage, our war effort is still not perfectly led.

Though wonderfully accelerated, it falls short of its maximum force, because we have men in office whose history, outlook and character are injurious to our chances of victory.

No one can count Winston Churchill anything but the true warrior statesman. Throughout his life he has shown spirit and energy. Beaverbrook and Bevin have not lived on cushions. They cope with realities and difficulties accordingly.

Adversity has fitted them to step in when those of feeble training failed.

But the weak ones hold on, supported by others of the same nurture. And the likelihood is that, when they do surrender, they will be promoted to the peerage.

Which juggling with justice is another way of rattling on heroes grimly fighting and working for the liberty of us all.

In other words, Party Politics is a nasty game still going on aloft.

Party is coming before speedy efficiency. We need a government in which every member is capable of smashing in war and then building in peace.

Let me remind our Premier of his own words: "The use of recrimination about the past is to enforce effective action at the present."

So what about it, Mr. Churchill? Or should I better ask those whom the cap fits? We call for such as Tennyson saw:—

"And statesmen at the council meet,  
Who knew the seasons when to take  
Occasion by the hand, and make  
The bounds of freedom wider yet."

When it's  
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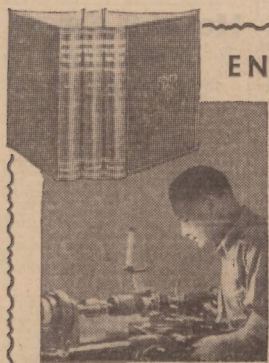
## General's Clarion Call U.S. MUST BE PREPARED

Washington, Saturday.  
A CALL TO AMERICANS TO FACE THE DANGER OF IMMINENT WAR WAS BROADCAST LAST NIGHT ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY BY GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE IN THE LAST WAR.

## THE COST OF SURRENDER

Berlin, Saturday.  
GERMANY'S bill to France for the upkeep of the Army of Occupation is 20,000,000 Reichsmarks a day. France has to pay this, as from June 25, when the Armistice came into force. This is disclosed in a Geneva telegram to the German News Agency, and the source quoted is today's French Official Gazette. The Gazette is quoted as promulgating a law authorising the opening of a special account for the maintenance of the German Army of Occupation, and announcing a convention between the French Government and the Bank will advance the State 50,000,000,000 francs.—Reuter.

"Twenty-one years ago," he said, "none of us would have dreamed that the calamity of war would come again to the world so soon, and in such a hideous and devastating form. But we must face the facts of today. Their warning call to America is shrill and imperative." Interviewed after the broadcast, General Pershing expressed confidence that Britain could hold out against Germany, and added that he could think of a good many ways in which the United States could lend further aid to Britain. Asked what he thought of Britain's air defences, the General said: "They are living up pretty well to the British reputation for stability."—A.P.



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## Deck Boy Refused To Quit His Danger Post

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YOU REMEMBER THEM IN PEACETIME, THEIR PAINT AND BRASSWORK GLEAMING, STEAMING PLACIDLY BETWEEN HERE AND THE CONTINENT. THEY ARE SHIPS OF HAPPY MEMORIES. THEY TOOK YOU ON WONDERFUL HOLIDAYS TO EUROPE AND ON CAREFREE CRUISES TO SUNLIT SEAS. THEIR DECKS RANG WITH LAUGHTER AND WERE GAY WITH BRIGHT FROCKS AND WHITE FLANNELS.

But that belongs to yesterday. Now, with bomb and shell-scarred sides, they ply other routes. The decks on which quois and shuffle board were played are pitted and furrowed by bullets. The happy-go-lucky crew who answered silly questions with smiling politeness now go grim-faced about their business.

When the complete story of this past year of war is told, there must be a chapter devoted to the work of the L.N.E.R. steamers and their gallant crews. These ships were not built for war. Their sailors, too, were men of peace.

### NAVAL GLORY

But between them they have added yet another page to the glowing history of our naval glory. Wherever the fighting was thickest—at Dunkirk, Cherbourg, Le Havre, St. Malo and Brest—the little ships were there.

In a London office yesterday I was allowed to see the official documents that tell the inside story of this sea saga. They are written in prosaic, matter-of-fact English, penned by men who do not see themselves as heroes; but, reading between the lines, it is possible to piece together the real story of their bravery.

There was, for instance, the ship that went to Dunkirk, running the gauntlet of fire again and again, steaming back to England packed with troops and stopping only to refuel before returning again.

On the last journey, packed with between two and three thousand French troops, she came within range of the shore batteries. As they crashed into action her master was helpless. He could not manoeuvre, take a zig-zag course to dodge the falling shells because the ship was in the narrow, but miraculously they escaped, only to hear the scream of a dive bomber hurtling down upon them as they drew away from the guns.

### GAINING FLOOD

The captain swung the helm hard over as three big bombs dropped. It seemed that nothing could save them from a direct hit, but all three fell into the sea close astern, exploding with a force that lifted the ship clean out of the water.

When she righted herself water was pouring into the hold, and although all hands went to the pumps and worked in relays the flood gradually gained.

In spite of their peril master and crew went calmly about their duties while the troops were transferred to a warship. Even then they would not abandon their ship, staying with her until she was safely beached.

For their part in this action the Master, Mr. C. R. Baxter, and his Chief Engineer, Mr. Oxenham, were both decorated.

A sixteen-years-old deck boy shared the honours with them for "conspicuous bravery." Through all the heat of shot and shell through which the ship came, while machine-gun bullets were rattling on her decks and bombs were dropping all around, he stuck at his post on the exposed bridge acting as telegraph boy for the Master.

He was given the opportunity of going below when things became hot, but he refused to quit. Even when he was relieved he still declined to take shelter, attaching himself to the Bren gun crew and helping them man their post.

## Banish Caste System!

## BIG JOBS FOR A.T.S. "RANKERS"

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SET UP CADET TRAINING UNITS TO PRODUCE OFFICERS FOR THE A.T.S.—THIS DEMAND WILL BE MADE TO MR. ANTHONY EDEN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS WEEK BY MEN AND WOMEN M.P.s.

This is the only way, it will be urged, whereby the criticisms of inefficiency in the officer ranks, brought to light a fortnight ago by the Select Committee on War Expenditure, can be remedied.

Daughters of the rich, who have already been granted commissions because of their social status, it will be suggested, should be required to go through these Cadet Units and pass out before being commissioned.

At the same time, "good soldiers" from the non-commissioned ranks should be allowed to apply for transfer to a cadet unit, and should be drafted to such units after being interviewed by a Commissions Board.

By this means, it is urged, large numbers of highly efficient officers would be obtained, including such people as:—

Women office managers and clerical supervisors, who would be much better in charge of A.T.S. clerical contingents than the "ladies" now in command.

### PRACTICAL PEOPLE

Post Office telephone supervisors who would be much more efficient at their job of commanding A.T.S. telephone units than the Mayfair women now in charge.

Hotel managers and ten shop supervisors, who would bring a real knowledge to the control of the many units.

There are large numbers of well-educated secondary school girls, now serving in the ranks, who see very little chance of promotion.

It is no use, say the M.P.s, for the controllers of the A.T.S. to try to justify their present choice of officers by saying that these ladies are from a caste "born to command."

## Three Types Of U.S. Fighters For Britain

BRITAIN will soon be using three types of U.S. Bwarplanes against the Germans as the result of new purchases in America.

According to American reports, £15,000,000 worth of Lockheed P38 twin-engined fighters and 250 Bell Airacobras have been ordered, in addition to many of the Brewster Buffalo type, which is specially designed for deck-landing purposes.

The Lockheed P38 is a single-seater with a maximum speed comparing favourably with the Spitfire.

The novelty of the Airacobra is that its engine is behind the pilot, who sits over a shaft driving the propeller.

## War-Time Crosswords

## SIXTEEN READERS SHARE £750

CROSSWORD No. 215

THE ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE MOST MERITORIOUS ANSWERS ON ONE SQUARE (ON RIGHT) WERE THOSE SUBMITTED BY:—

Mrs. L. G. Allen, 24, The Downs, Weymouth, Dorset; Mr. F. S. Aitrop, 21, Gap-rd., Wimbledon, S.W.19; Mrs. E. A. Battersby, 12 Layard-st., Ashton-Lyons, Kent; G. Bayliss, 12, Rodney-st., Devonport; Miss M. Craven, 53, West End rd., Cottenham, Yorks; Mrs. E. D. Donnelly, 8, Bank-sea, Southport; Mr. E. E. Empey, 2, Raymond-villas, Milling-rd., Snodland, Kent; Mrs. C. Fenn, Markham, Throop-st., Great Wymondley, Cambs; Mr. W. F. Goodwin, 32, Nab Hill-ave., Leek; Mr. M. E. Green, 6, Brook-rd., Crickwood, N.W.2; Mr. A. Heath, 6, Barry-rd., Pottsgrove, Pontypriid; Mr. A. Kay, 84, Southbank-rd., Southport; Mr. R. C.

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LAME or TAME were regarded as answers of equal merit.

Oldham, 8, Willeddon-ave., Peterborough; Mr. W. Steel, "Trevartian," Downs-way, Epsom; Mrs. W. H. Stirling, 37, Redland-drive, Kirk Ella, E. Yorks.

Subject to the terms and conditions of the competition, these competitors share the £750 first prize and will each receive a cheque for £46 17s. 6d.

Any other entrant who believes that he or she submitted a square eligible for a share of the First Prize must demand a re-scrutiny by registered post not later than first post Wednesday, September 18, sending £1 scrutiny fee, copy of all squares submitted, and postal order number. Address: Competition Manager, "The People," 6, La Belle Sauvage, London E.C.4.

No scrutiny can be undertaken in connection with the runners-up prize.

## 72 Inches Of Oomph!

ARE you six feet tall? Then you're the romantic type! At least, that's the opinion of Hollywood, who says emphatically that a man six feet tall has potentially what it takes to pitch plenty of glamour pictures.

They point to the men who win the girls in the pictures. They are six feet tall or more. Examples include:—

Fred MacMurray, Clark Gable, Jimmy Stewart, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, Bob Hope, Joel McCrea, Allan Jones, Ray Milland, Preston Foster, Robert Preston, Errol Flynn, Tyrone Power, Melvyn Douglas, George Brent, Wayne Morris, and so on.

## RAIDS DEFIED

Blood Donors Save Bomb Victims

SUPPLIES of blood, needed to give transfusions to bomb victims, have been sent to London hospitals during recent raids.

Supplies, which are being delivered regularly to the hospitals, have saved hundreds of lives.

The London blood transfusion service is divided into four areas, and each depot is working at top speed with a break for transfusion.

In addition, supplies of the new American plasma preparation are being made daily at the hospitals.

On one day supplies representing nearly 300 pints of blood were given by donors.

An S.O.S. for more donors has been made. The response has been magnificent. In one Berkshire town over 1,000 donors were registered.

Doctors and nurses in London hospitals declare that the story of the supplies of blood for transfusion will become an epic in the war history.

## BELGIANS MUST NOT LISTEN-IN

Brussels, Saturday.  
ALL Belgians have been forbidden to listen to British radio programmes because they "encourage resistance to the occupying authorities."

Previously, listening to foreign broadcasts was banned only in public and in groups. Now all foreign broadcasts are taboo. Anyone caught listening is liable to have his radio confiscated and be sent to jail.

The wearing of uniforms or parts of uniforms similar to those worn by German troops or members of the Nazi formations is also forbidden by General von Falkenhayn, the military commander.

Persons seeking to curry favour by turning Nazi overnight were warned by the "Brussels Zeitung."

"Something more than adopting a symbol or wearing a piece of uniform is necessary. The process of becoming a Nazi proceeds from within, ending, and not beginning, with the wearing of an outer sign."—A.P.

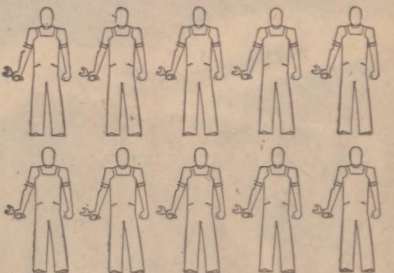
## MORE THOUSANDS FOR SPITFIRES

The Minister of Aircraft Production acknowledges with thanks the gift of £2,362 5s. 1d. from the employees, staff and the directors of the General Electric Company for the purchase of a Spitfire. This follows two gifts of £5,000 each from Capt. Leslie Gamage, M.C., and another director of the firm. Other acknowledgments are: Saul Harrison and Sons, Stratford, £250; Rediffusion, Ltd., £142 8s.; Miss E. M. Horton, Richmond, £100; employees Ealing Studios, £35; "Those who use shelter at Commercial-rd., Talmua Torah, E.1," £24.

### £23,000 IN A WEEK

The Lord Mayor's Red Cross and St. John Fund rose yesterday by £1,000 and now stands at £23,123,000, an increase during the week of £23,000.

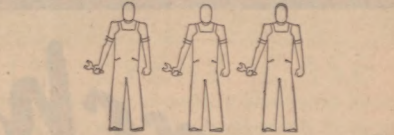
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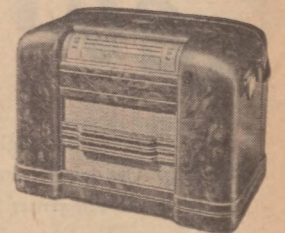
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# Terror Over PRAGUE

[It was the war material Hitler and his Huns obtained from Czechoslovakia and its colossal Skoda armament works that really started them on their conquest of Europe. But it is in Czechoslovakia, more than in any other invaded territory, that the Nazis go in deadly daily fear of sabotage and espionage. The terror of a great R.A.F. bombing raid on the Skoda plant haunts them day and night. Here is a vivid picture of the true state of affairs in the "Protectorate," based on material drawn from authentic sources.]



Nazi troops goose-stepping through the streets of an occupied town.

NOT so very long ago in beautiful old Prague, the Germans decided that it was necessary to convince the Czechs that Hitler still held the upper hand. Thirty thousand Nazi soldiers were assembled with innumerable tanks, machine guns, artillery, bands and swastikas.

Gravely they goose-stepped the streets, serious of face, as though they were men of destiny, just like tin soldiers, perfect automatons going by clockwork.

Czech people have a strong sense of the ridiculous. A group of boys from the Masaryk University started to laugh and call out humorous remarks. Before they knew where they were the Gestapo had pounced upon them.

They were taken, these boys, to police headquarters, questioned all day and night, until the Nazis had sorted the principal culprits out to their liking.

What had been nothing more than a boyish lark speedily developed into a terrible tragedy. Fourteen of these children—three were little more—were actually put on trial before a so-called War Council.

All of them were found guilty, needless to say, and the following morning nine were taken out to the courtyard of the old fortress and shot in cold blood.

"Don't giggle at the Goose-step," is a standing order in Prague.

The Nazis are using up a lot of their men holding down the Czechs. Make no mistake about that. In Prague alone there must be fully 5,000 of those heavily armed thugs who with unconscious humour are known as Black Guards.

Blackguards they are, every man-jack of them. There are to-day at least 70,000 Czechs in confinement in various prisons, concentration camps and fortresses. The German is under no delusion about the determination of the Czechs to rise at the first suitable opportunity; he also knows what happened in the Great War, when 300,000 of them conscripted into the Austrian Army deserted to the Russians and formed an army of their own which eventually marched right across Siberia to join the Allies.

The Nazis have received orders that the Czechs, especially the fanatical young patriots among the students, must be suppressed at all costs. The universities must be shut down, and the ringleaders among the rebels transported out of harm's way to the big concentration camps in Germany. Hundreds of young fellows have so vanished; their relatives can obtain no news of them.

Hand in hand with these activities of the S.S. men is the campaign to destroy everything connected with the independence of Czechoslovakia declared in 1918. They destroy every picture they can find of Dr. Thomas Masaryk, founder of the Republic, who was so well known in London.

Still, all the Nazi police in the world can't keep these people down. They go into their famous Wenceslas Square fighting the Germans, until their "Protector," Baron von Neurath, despairingly inquires of the S.S. Chief if he can't think of some other way of keeping them quiet. The "Black

Guard" is reported to have told the "Protector" that the Czechs don't like the Nazis.

"Can you wonder at it?" was the Baron's reply.

Baron von Neurath himself is no real Nazi. Hitler made him "Protector" of Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia in the spring of last year and the Baron's first efforts towards the people were conciliatory.

But it was soon evident that the Czechs were not to be placated. Hitler and Himmler came on the scene and gave different orders. The "cleaning-up" detachment of the S.S. after finishing their butchery in Poland, arrived in Prague last autumn to finish, by fair means or foul, any attempt that might be made at revolt.

Death is at your elbow in Prague today. You could hardly make a telephone call without having it tapped, certainly not post a letter outside the country without having it investigated. In the city itself there are fully two thousand secret police, who ride in the trams listening for careless talk, or sit down beside you in a café to see what you are up to.

The Germans are in mortal dread of Dr. Benes springing a sudden surprise on them; they would have shot Benes out of hand had the chance come their way. Anybody known to be at all friendly with the former President has been imprisoned, of course, who remained in the country.

The "occupant" says he cannot allow Czechoslovakia to be contaminated by a few hot-heads! But still the people go on booing and hissing the German policemen as they pass, and their life is hardly worth living.

The senile old man who now acts as President, the Dr. Hacha whom Hitler hypnotised and bulldozed into signing away Czechoslovakia's independence, is occasionally permitted to go to the microphone and utter a few words on behalf of the Nazis.

They had been spared the horrors of war and were in a happier position than many neutral countries. And so on, all coming back to the old adage that there are plenty of ways of killing a dog other than hanging it.

Czechoslovakia, before the shadow of war blackened its life, was one of the most prosperous countries in Europe. You cannot come into Prague, and first cast your eyes upwards at its cluster of spires without realising that here is a renowned seat of learning. And surely it is, or was, for the Nazis set no store on freedom of speech or thought.

The Universities have been closed for three years; the country's vast export trade has gone. True, the Nazis are now endeavouring to revive the once profitable glass and china trade, but they don't find many buyers at their rate of exchange. If it were not for the colossal Skoda ironworks—the greatest arsenal in the world—the Nazi exploitation of the Czechs would be a farce.

gums. Their booty in this direction, ranging from Poland to France, numbers over 10,000 pieces of artillery. It is now being melted down for other munitions of war, ships, and even steel helmets. Few Czechs are now to be seen there; the Nazi has got sabotage and espionage on the brain and he lives in terror of a great bombing raid on Skoda one dark night when the evenings get longer.

They also accomplished a feat of even greater value in blackmail—

ing the trembling Hacha into betraying the Czechs—eliminating from their certain enemies forty divisions of well-trained troops, who would certainly have given them something to do with Britain and France attacking on the Western Front.

In the year which elapsed between the seizure of Czechoslovakia and the general attack in the west of Europe, in March this year, the Nazis had solved all their armament problems. Hundreds of the tanks which broke through the French armies on the Meuse last May were of Czech build, and fully a couple of thousand more had been made in the country under German supervision.

No one gets in or out of Czechoslovakia today unknown to the Gestapo. There is a ring fence around the country, whose only outlets are guarded day and night. Every munition factory has its quota of secret police, and the workers live in districts which they are forbidden to leave.

Equally verboten are the towns where the hundreds of thousands of German wounded are taken.

There are Czech doctors attending them. Polish doctors, and even Jewish doctors.

former colourful *biertgartens*, where the Prague families used to sit of a night, listening to a band and gossiping with their friends. Their newspapers print nothing but the dope that is telegraphed from Berlin; like the Poles, the outside world might not exist for them for all they now know about it.

Their kinemas—and Prague used to abound with them—no longer show any foreign pictures. Clark Gable and Spencer Tracy were the prime favourites, though most of the American artists were well known. There are hundreds of thousands of Czechs in the States, and in the old days they emigrated there wholesale and worked hard for the independence of their people.

Strangely enough, Prague has not suffered any pronounced influx of Germans from the Fatherland. The food did not disappear so rapidly as was the case with the other occupied territories. Possibly the Nazis wanted to keep the Czech industries running at their normal rate, for it is a land which possesses practically all the natural resources necessary to manufacture. What- ever the idea, it has not worked out; the export trade of the country, in the absence of foreign exchange, is stagnant.

Prague, itself, once such a fine Bohemian centre, finds little spirit for gaiety these times. From the Sudetenland there flock fully a hundred thousand refugees, farming folk for the most part, poor bewildered creatures, still wearing their national costumes, who are strangely out of place in a big city.

They are mostly of the farming class and of German extraction. But they fled their farms when the Nazis invaded the country and are still reluctant to return. To see them wandering around all day, men, women and children, to make you realise how the Beast of Berchtesgaden has uprooted the lives of completely harmless people. These Sudeten Germans have lost their live stock and poultry—driven off and looted by the Nazis—and they just haven't the means to start life again.

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## Reluctant To Return To Farms

Release from the concentration camps is the reward for the Jews who will tend the German wounded, and many of them are now to be seen in Czechoslovakia. They, and the chemists, can purchase their freedom at a price. In Prague itself there are hospital wards full of young Czechs who have been brutally shot down by the S.S. If they recover it will be to go to a concentration camp.

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Prague, itself, once such a fine Bohemian centre, finds little spirit for gaiety these times. From the Sudetenland there flock fully a hundred thousand refugees, farming folk for the most part, poor bewildered creatures, still wearing their national costumes, who are strangely out of place in a big city.

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Rowntree's Cocoa now contains the Fresh-Food Vitamins

## Cannot Keep Them Down

All Czech books and other forms of literature are confiscated and burnt; even the Czech language can no longer be taught to the children.

Everything must revert to the order that existed in the time of the old Austrian Emperor, Franz Josef.

Still, all the Nazi police in the world can't keep these people down. They go into their famous Wenceslas Square fighting the Germans, until their "Protector," Baron von Neurath, despairingly inquires of the S.S. Chief if he can't think of some other way of keeping them quiet. The "Black

## Renowned Seat Of Learning

They had been spared the horrors of war and were in a happier position than many neutral countries. And so on, all coming back to the old adage that there are plenty of ways of killing a dog other than hanging it.

Czechoslovakia, before the shadow of war blackened its life, was one of the most prosperous countries in Europe. You cannot come into Prague, and first cast your eyes upwards at its cluster of spires without realising that here is a renowned seat of learning. And surely it is, or was, for the Nazis set no store on freedom of speech or thought.

The Universities have been closed for three years; the country's vast export trade has gone. True, the Nazis are now endeavouring to revive the once profitable glass and china trade, but they don't find many buyers at their rate of exchange. If it were not for the colossal Skoda ironworks—the greatest arsenal in the world—the Nazi exploitation of the Czechs would be a farce.

But they have found a winner at Skoda; twenty thousand men are employed there, or were, for strange to say, the Germans have more use for butter today than

## By PIERS ENGLAND

ing the trembling Hacha into betraying the Czechs—eliminating from their certain enemies forty divisions of well-trained troops, who would certainly have given them something to do with Britain and France attacking on the Western Front.

In the year which elapsed between the seizure of Czechoslovakia and the general attack in the west of Europe, in March this year, the Nazis had solved all their armament problems. Hundreds of the tanks which broke through the French armies on the Meuse last May were of Czech build, and fully a couple of thousand more had been made in the country under German supervision.

No one gets in or out of Czechoslovakia today unknown to the Gestapo. There is a ring fence around the country, whose only outlets are guarded day and night. Every munition factory has its quota of secret police, and the workers live in districts which they are forbidden to leave.

Equally verboten are the towns where the hundreds of thousands of German wounded are taken.

There are Czech doctors attending them. Polish doctors, and even Jewish doctors.

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## Dope Supplied From Berlin

Old Prague, with its big Jewish population, is being thinned out by the pogroms that take place from time to time. They vanish, these industrious Jewish shopkeepers who used to be such attractions to the tourist, and where they go their relatives never know.

The police will give no information and the prisoners are forbidden to write. All the families receive the printed notice from the S.S. that an arrest has taken place, and that in no circumstances are they to wear mourning or speak of death.

Dreary and desolate also are the

## WHAT SAY YOU?

## Ten-Second Teasers

- 1.—It's a well-known kind of downy cat it's a popular variety of kipper. Name it.
- 2.—It's a building where spirits are produced; it's a well-known Irish football club. What is it?
- 3.—It's a deputy-governor or prince of the Mogul Empire of India; it's a very rich man, especially one who has amassed wealth in India. Name it.
- 4.—It's a curdled milk from the stomach of an unweaned calf; it's an infusion used to coagulate milk; it's a name used for several varieties of apples. Name it.
- 5.—It's the apparatus by which a vessel is steered; it's a position of management or direction. What is it?
- 6.—It's a variety of seed used for cage birds; it's a kind of palm; it's a type of nettle. Name it.
- 7.—It's an umbrella-shaped contrivance by which a descent from a height is made. It's an appendage to a fruit or seed serving for descent, or dispersion by the wind. What is it?
- 8.—It's a form of currency; it's a kind of knife; it's a type of vessel. Name it.
- 9.—It's a term used to designate matrimony;







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# LET'S TALK IT OVER

"MAN O' THE PEOPLE" writes on "Things That Matter To You and Me"

LONDON, the dear "Old Smoke" that warms the Cockney heart, has lived through such a week of smoke and flame as it has not known since the Great Fire purged its squalors when the Second Charles was on the throne. And the people of London have proved themselves worthy citizens of the world's greatest city. I can find no words to express my boundless admiration of Londoners in the front line. They have set a magnificent example, not only to this country, but to all the world.

Mind you, I am not a true Londoner myself. I come from the West Country, and 20 years of London are not enough to make the "adopted millions" of "provincials" forget their country origins.

We tend—and there's no denying it—to think ourselves faintly superior to the Londoners bred and born.

We resent the might and the mass of the Metropolis. We are apt to get annoyed by London's assumption that it represents the whole of Great Britain; that it leads the country's thoughts and dominates the country's policy.

Moreover, it is true that Londoners, in their turn, are inclined to feel superior to their country cousins.

LET that pass. Let us also admit that in Scotland and the North Country, in the Midlands and in Wales and on the South Coast and in every other "danger zone," the men and women of our breed have stood up to the hammering of the Nazi bombers with undaunted courage and cheerfulness.

Still, I say that London, which is the very heart of Britain, has in these past few days given proof to all the world of the unconquerable spirit of our race.

THERE are several things that we can and must learn from the smashing and ruthless air attacks which the enemy has launched upon us now—one year later than we originally expected them.

Remember, in particular, that year's delay! Personally I can vividly recall the early days of last September and the first air raid warning which sounded at the very moment that Mr. Chamberlain was announcing our entry into war.

Our authorities were then expecting casualties perhaps ten times in excess of those which we are now suffering under the full blast of Nazi hatred.

And they were nothing like so well prepared to deal with them!

Truly, there is cause for thankfulness that we have been granted this invaluable respite. Truly, we are fortunate that the storm of indiscriminate murder did not break upon us in those early days.

A YEAR ago our A.R.P. services were nothing but the nucleus of what they have since become. We had a few sorry trenches but there were not enough shelters to protect more than the merest fraction of our population.

Now, when danger is imminent, almost all of us can seek cover and expect to find it at a moment's notice. Now we have in constant readiness a magnificent body of trained men and women, including tens of thousands of devoted volunteers, ready to serve us in the hour of danger.

"I express my admiration," said Mr. Churchill in his recent broadcast to the world, "for the exemplary manner in which all Air Raid Precaution services are being discharged, especially those of the fire brigades, whose work has been so heavy and so dangerous."

Your correspondent wishes to add his personal endorsement to this tribute. He wishes to tell you that the country is chock-a-block full of nameless heroes and unrecorded heroines.

All the A.R.P. services have been tested and have met the test magnificently. They have shown conspicuous bravery under fire. They have gone on working with no thought of rest even while the bombs were still falling.

It has been suggested with excellent reason that the country should bestow decorations upon these valiant "troops," who change into civilian clothes when their brave work is done.

They seek no medals, but I, for one, agree that medals should be struck for them.

Why, in London alone there must have been a thousand deeds of gallantry and devotion during the past week that were worthy of the small bronze cross "For Valour" which is the proudest medal that any fighting man has ever earned.

WE need still more recruits to the A.R.P. services, and we shall get them without compulsion if Hitler chooses to continue his wanton, desperate and murderous attacks.

For these attacks, far from shaking our morale as they were intended to do, have done nothing but stiffen our resolve to smash "Hitlerism" at all costs.

Even as it is, thousands of untrained men and women have eagerly volunteered in moments of peril to help the trained A.R.P. workers. Some of them have lost their lives in the attempt.

No less was to be expected of the British public. Nevertheless it would have been better if rather more of these willing helpers had also been willing to sign on and to train in the quiet and tedious and uneventful months before danger became acute.

That is one of the lessons to be learned from the events of recent days. For no man can become one hundred per cent. efficient in any service without steady and patient preparation.

There is still time to join up and, if the cap fits, wear it.

IN regard to those war victims who are not casualties but who have been bombed out of their homes, the country not only needs to learn a lesson but to wipe out a grave reproach.

No scheme of charity can possibly meet the needs of these poor people. The Lord Mayor's Fund is well intentioned and has been generously supported, but it cannot absolve the Government from a neglected and urgent duty.

That duty is to re-house the homeless with all possible speed and to provide them with every kind of immediate assistance they may require.

It was neglected because, though raids have



Our anti-aircraft guns in action.

been expected ever since the war started, adequate arrangements had not been made to deal with this particular problem.

And it is urgent because these homeless people are our own kith and kin, and it would be a disgrace to us all if we failed them in their hour of need.

MR. CHURCHILL hopes shortly to announce details of the new Government insurance scheme which may help to meet many of the present difficulties.

It is vitally important, however, for you and me to realise that the public will have to foot the bill for every form of air-raid damage.

In other words, this is a matter for the Treasury, because all war victims are a charge upon the community. They don't need charity, but they must have justice.

PARLIAMENT—few people understand why—is not in session during these critical days. When it does come back to work, its first task should be to devise and finance a national scheme of relief and compensation on generous lines.

No matter what it costs, the money must be found. There must be no haggling over ways and means and no niggardly bargaining.

Above all, machinery must be set up to make this relief available quickly and without humiliation.

I DOUBT whether any of us, who have been lucky enough never to need assistance from public or local authorities, realise how painful and tedious it may be to beg for your undoubted rights.

Perhaps the case of the Old Age Pensioners is not quite on a par with that of the homeless air raid victims. For the former can draw their strict minimum of ten shillings and still hold their heads high.

It isn't until they apply for the additional grant now available to meet all cases of distress that they have to endure the real ordeal of a sort of means test.

Some weeks ago, I mentioned in this page that

**Thought for Today**  
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ENDURES—Persius.

**CIGARETTE PAPERS**  
—By The Lounger

"THE Puerer," says a psychologist, "is totally devoid of humour." Yet his speeches are a yell from start to finish.

"Some people," says a doctor, "are upset by the music of a jazz band." They just can't stand the strains.

TODAY'S PROVERB  
We wage a war on cruelty. And infamy and shame. But most on those who don't know what it means to play the game.

WISDOM WEEK BY WEEK  
When the enemy lies by around to destroy, a sensible head is its own steel helmet.

Unworthy fears can only find house room in an unoccupied mind.

LITTLE ALFIE ON "COUNTRY FOOTBALL"  
Football goes on and, even if sum of it seems a bit unreal, I reckon we should never let it be said that Old Nasty put a stop to the nasnal game.

By golly they won't be a Cup Final at Wembley when the war's over, and the Nasty Wanderers have been nooked threw the oack of the net.

Football in the country takes a wee bit of getting used to anyhow. I mean playing in a grate big meadow instead of a nice tidy back-lane with goal-post chalked on back gates at the end—it duzzent seem quite natcheral and takes a bit of getting used to.

We have to play in the big meadow, peccos it's the only grass-field left. Farmer Oates having plowed the rest of em up, to produce corn for victory, and very successful the experiment

the lot of a great many old people has been much improved.

Since then scores of letters have reached this office from other pensioners, some of whom cannot bring themselves even to apply for something that is not charity, but seems like it.

Others complain of harsh and unequal treatment and, beyond the slightest doubt, there can be no uniformity or real justice in any scheme which is based on conditional grants that can be made, or withheld, by local committees.

God forbid that any of our comrades in this war, whether in uniform or out of it, should be dependent upon any such system for the relief that they have the right to expect.

They need not be, provided the Government acts boldly and generously.

To this end it should accept the full burden of compensation, charging every taxpayer his proper proportion and relieving both public charity and private employers of a responsibility that is essentially national.

MANY other problems, all of them pressing, await Parliament's attention. That of London's transport is among the more urgent.

For, though munition workers and almost all others in essential industries are carrying on splendidly and the new system of air-raid warnings is working well, there has been grievous loss of time and output caused by the interruption of so many traffic services.

Londoners do not grumble at unavoidable hardship, but some of them have been grumbling at delays which have seemed exaggerated and at a confusion which, in some instances, ought not to have occurred.

Gallant efforts have been made to improvise facilities, but here again one can't help feeling that plans should have been prepared in advance and the Minister of Transport may have his work cut out to explain why they were not prepared and to guarantee better arrangements in future.

SOME of you may think that none of these problems can be very important when considered against the background of the war itself.

But the well-being and efficiency of the public form an essential part of our war effort. The Premier counts as much upon our courage, our cheerfulness, and our resolution as he does upon the fighting Services.

He has warned us that we may have to face invasion at any moment now. He has told us openly of Hitler's immense preparations for this desperate adventure.

But he is quite undismayed, and your correspondent, listening to Mr. Churchill's historic broadcast, formed the impression that it was addressed almost as much to the enemy as to us.

It was a warning to Hitler that Britain is ready for him; that our Navy is eager to counter his challenge; that our growing Air Force can beat the Luftwaffe in any daylight conflict; and that the undaunted British people, whether in or out of uniform, will fight on until the last invader is destroyed.

BY the stand that we have made and are now making, we have won the admiration of every country outside the reach and power of Germany and Italy.

The United States is our ally in all but name and the immense resources of the Empire are being gathered incessantly to our aid.

If this is a critical hour for us, it is still more critical for our enemy. We have scorned to compete with him in the vile massacre of the innocents, but already he winces and groans under the deadly hammering of his military nerve centres.

Be of good cheer, therefore, and hold fast. We are strong to defend ourselves. Our cause is righteous. And the powers of evil shall not prevail against us.

A Man o' the People

and Hurra! and hurra! had no such inspiring names. Strooth! Had the poor fellow never heard of Wellingtons or Blenheim's?

There was a bloke named Bonaparte Who swore to rule the earth: Though Europe trembled at his frown, He moved this tale to mirth. There were a frightful lot of things That Bonaparte did to, But by a chap named Wellington, He met his Waterloo.

CHORUS:  
A Wellington is here; a Wellington we'll cheer;  
To lose a link like that would be a shame.  
A Wellington saved Britain when his country's skies were black;  
For faith and skill and courage our land will never lack;  
And now each night our Wellingtons roar forth to the attack—  
There's always something in a fighting name.

There was a man named Marlborough Who fought on Blenheim's field; Who won the victory for Britain. Formed an enduring shield. All history tells a stirring tale And here's the very latest: That Marlborough was a Churchill born. And surely not the greatest!

CHORUS:  
His duty was no done, till Blenheim's fight was won.  
And still today the answer is the same.  
A Churchill fought at Blenheim, 'mid the battle's storms and fires;  
And now another Churchill comes, a greater than his sire.  
A Churchill and a Blenheim—every heart that phrase inspires!—  
There's always something in a fighting name.

## THE WORLD ON PARADE

### City With A Thirst

NEW YORKERS, as the biggest water users in the world, need mammoth aqueducts. The Croton reservoir, 35 miles from the city, has a capacity of 32,000,000 gallons enabling to be passed through the pipes leading from it a daily supply of 300,000,000 gallons.

Even this, however, is not regarded as sufficient when the needs of the rapidly growing city are taken into consideration, and so, in order to ensure an ample supply, the Catskill aqueduct, 125 miles long, has been constructed at a cost of £70,000,000.

With 40 miles of dams, a huge reservoir 12 miles long and one mile wide has been constructed with a permanent supply of 150,000,000 gallons. In addition to this artificial lake there is a smaller one holding 800,000,000 gallons, so that New Yorkers should not have any qualms about their water supplies.

THE steps leading to the entrance of St. Paul's Cathedral

### THERE WAS ANOTHER HILL

HERE is a road through Life which leads up to the shining hills, where Temptation and the summit stands and glittering prizes spill. A pageant of Fruits-of-Power on Seduction's Landscape spread, Worlds to conquer, lands to steal, with each populace left dead. Such is the Road Man takes when he sets the World afire. How big a flame he needs to feed his insatiable desire.

There was another Hill deep centuries ago when The Greatest Figure of All Time Spoke the Immortal No; when Satan showed the World outspread for Temptation's sake, and called it Opportunity his lying tongue to slake. So to-day he still presents all Life's Grapes from a Neighbour's Vine and when Power-Mad Brains behold such scenes they're consumed with one thought, "ALL MINE!"

AND so again today Nations are brought to choose 'twixt Opportunity which offers Life though there may be things to lose; or Temptation with its short-lived gains of Craft, and Crime, and Loot, for Opportunity serves Man's Soul while Temptation serves the Brute. And so we will fight on until on World Wide Shores the Flame of Greed is trampled out that sets Light to all Wars.

J. M.

### Sky Lore

ALTHOUGH weather forecasts are banned for the duration, prophets are busier than ever. Both ourselves and the enemy have well organised meteorological organisations, and every aerodrome has its expert.

This is one result of intense modern air warfare, because the success of raids depends to a great extent on weather conditions. Forecasts, which will help the pilots when they set out on special missions are made out.

Knowledge of clouds when bombing attacks are intended are important and require expert observation so that a fairly correct estimate can be made of what conditions will be over enemy territory. Not only flying men are interested in the weather; searchlight crews and anti-aircraft batteries must know strength of wind, height and density of clouds.

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# Call-up "Grievances" Explained

## MAN-POWER PROBLEMS

### WORKERS WHO CARRY ON—AND WAIT

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

**M**ANY YOUNG MEN WHO ARE NOW BEING CALLED UP FOR THE ARMY THINK THEY HAVE A GRIEVANCE. THEY ARE BEING ASKED TO REPORT TO THEIR DEPOTS, ALTHOUGH FRIENDS OF THEIRS, TWO OR THREE YEARS YOUNGER, ARE STILL CARRYING ON WITH THEIR CIVILIAN JOBS AND HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN WARNED TO GET THEMSELVES READY TO REPORT.

The explanation is that the mobilisation of earlier classes has proceeded so expeditiously and smoothly, and the Army is now so huge, that calling-up for the present is being done on a selective basis.

## STATE MAY RUN RAILWAYS

By Our Political Correspondent

**T**HE STATE MAY TAKE OVER THE RAILWAYS AND NATIONALISE THEM—NOT MERELY FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR, BUT AS A PERMANENT MEASURE.

A special sub-committee of the Cabinet, in consultation with the Minister of Transport is now investigating the question.

The results of the Inquiry into the proposed increase of fares and freights is likely to be known this week.

It is felt in Government quarters that it will be difficult to avoid authorising some increase, even if the railways' full demand is not granted.

This is because under the agreement between the companies and the Chamberlain Government the railways are now left with a gap between revenue and expenditure, which they are entitled to fill by raising charges.

That agreement still operates. So long as it exists the railways will be able to apply for one increase after another, and there will be nothing to stop them.

Successive rises, according to the experts, will lead not only to an increase in the cost of living for millions of workers, but will also send up the price of food, clothing, and all other commodities that have to be carried.

Repeated increases of this kind may do much to bring about currency inflation.

Among railway chiefs themselves there is a powerful group which would like to see the State take over the railways without further delay. But the crux, of course, is the price the Government is to pay to buy the shareholders and directors out.

The idea is to use the nation's man-power on the most systematic and scientific basis, and not to "waste" a man on unskilled work in the services if he can do better work for the nation by remaining in civilian clothes.

ADVERTISER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

### How does she keep so Youthful and SLIM

**YOU** can keep girlish assurance in your step and youth in your eyes. You can enjoy radiant health, have a slim figure and look years younger than you really are if you follow her lead and take Bile Beans nightly.

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## EARLY—AND CLEAN—TO BED



Bed-time ablutions for some of the pupils of the St. Joseph's Convent School, which has been evacuated from Coventry to Stonleigh Abbey, Kenilworth, originally a Cistercian monastery.

## Spies In Uniform

### ROUND-UP OF FAKE OFFICERS

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**O**RDERS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE POLICE TO KEEP A SHARP LOOK-OUT FOR PEOPLE WEARING UNAUTHORISED UNIFORMS. A NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS, BUT MORE ARE LIKELY.

Some offenders are proved to have been wearing the uniforms merely for vanity; others are believed to have a motive more sinister.

Closer check is also to be kept on those establishments about, frequenting the lounges of hotels, dressed in hospital or V.A.D. attire. Some of these women are believed to be enemy agents, anxious to strike up acquaintances with officers.

Imposters are also wearing Home Guard and A.R.P. uniforms. The Government believes that a real danger may arise if this practice is not checked, and there will be stiff penalties for any offenders who are caught in the new round-up.

## "The People's" Secret Service News

**G**ERMAN pilots and the German people are told that R.A.F. pilots are refusing to fly Hurricane fighters because of "certain vicious principles" in their construction which make them dangerous to handle.

Actually there are thousands of Hurricanes now in the hands of our pilots. And the chief danger about them seems to be to the Germans.

Germans are also being told, by radio, that Britain is so short of pilots that women pilots are being used to raid Germany. True, there are hundreds of British women pilots who would relish the task, but the Air Ministry has not yet found it necessary to use them in this capacity.

**SABOTAGE**, organised on a large and ingenious scale, is rendering unfit for consumption much of the food which the Germans have plundered from Holland and Denmark.

Railway trains are shunted into sidings and left for days, despite the fact that the cargoes are perishable. When cold storage warehouses are opened, it is found that the temperature regulating apparatus has been interfered with, with the result that meat is tainted.

Taps on milk tank wagons are turned on before the train leaves on its journey.

**WATCH** for the launching in Britain of a Christian Peace Movement. Foundations of its organisation are being laid in Berlin, as a further attempt to cause confusion among British public opinion, and to do the work which the

## It's The Wedding Jump, Now

New York, Saturday.

**T**HE first parachute wedding has been held at the New York World's Fair.

A thousand sightseers at the Fair parachute jump saw Ann Hayward (nineteen) and Arno Rudolphi (twenty-two) suspended 50 ft. from the ground. Also suspended in space was the Rev. Homer Tomlinson, who conducted the ceremony.

The maid of honour and the best man also hung suspended near by.—B.U.F.

## Silk Towns Face Stoppage

## BID TO MAKE PARACHUTES

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

**B**ITISH silk manufacturers are faced with the prospect of closing down their sheds, stopping their looms, and turning thousands of workers on to the dole. But despite pressure brought to bear on the Ministry of Supply to put them to work making silk for parachutes, nothing has been done.

These manufacturers have now asked Mr. Garfield Weston, the M.P. who recently presented £100,000 to Lord Beaverbrook to buy sixteen Spitfires, to see Mr. Herbert Morrison and find out if their plant will be utilised.

Mr. Weston represents Macclesfield, one of the silk towns most affected.

Leek, Congleton, Burnley and other Lancashire and Cheshire towns are also concerned.

They have been suddenly switched over from activity to virtual stagnation by the decision of the Government to cut down the production of silk garments, silk stockings and other silk articles, under the policy of restricting production in non-essential industries.

They agree that they ought not to be using intricate machinery and highly-skilled labour, at this vital stage of the war, to turn out luxury articles when stocks sufficient to last to the end of the war already exist.

They have pointed out that

## "Extra 6d." Muddle

### M.P.s To Press For Action

BY OUR MILITARY CORRESPONDENT

**T**HERE HAS BEEN AN INEXCUSABLE MUDDLE OVER THE EXTRA SIXPENCE A DAY FOR SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND AIRMEN.

Though it was publicly announced by the Chancellor that the higher pay would start with "the pay week beginning August 30," many men have not yet received it.

There have been inexplicable discriminations between neighbouring units living and serving in the same town—sometimes in the same barracks.

Some received the extra 3s. 6d. with their last week's pay. Others were told that no orders had been received, and that the Commanding Officers were not able to act on their own.

Irritation—which was quite needless—was therefore caused. And many men who had been looking forward to a pleasant little celebration had nothing to celebrate.

The matter has been brought to the notice of a number of Members of Parliament, who intend to question Mr. Anthony Eden, the Secretary for War, about it in the Commons on Tuesday.

He will be asked to reprimand the officers responsible for the muddle, and to ensure that every man receives his arrears of pay without delay.

## 3 ITALIAN PLANES DOWN

Istanbul, Saturday.

**T**HREE Italian bombers have made forced landings at approximately the same point on the Turkish coast this week.

Two came down off Finike, on the South Coast, on Sunday night and sank. One officer swam ashore and was interned. The rest of the crews were picked up by three other planes.

Another bomber made a forced landing on Monday at a village near Finike. The crew of six were interned.

Finike, near the extreme south-east point of the Turkish mainland, is just about 100 miles from Rhodes, the largest of Italy's Dodecanese islands.

## This Dog Made Queen Laugh

St. John, New Brunswick, Saturday.

**"W**ELLMAR SANKIE," Canada's famous pedigree dog which brought a smile to Queen Elizabeth when she saw him draped in a Union Jack during the Royal visit here, is for sale.

And the money which he realises will be used for war work.

He is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Carter, of St. John.

The dog's grandsire was Ch. Banford (Imp.), three times champion of England, the United States and Canada.—B.U.F.

## QUADS AT SCHOOL

The St. Neots "Quads" have been admitted as pupils at St. Neots Council School.

Mrs. E. J. Quick, the headmistress, is proud of being the first mistress in the country to have charge of quadruplets.

## ROYAL GRAPES FOR PATIENTS

By command of the King, the crop of grapes from the royal vine at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, is being sent to war hospitals and other charitable institutions.

Evacuated children from London living in Windsor have also received bunches of the fruit.

The vine is the oldest in the country, and this year's crop is over 800 bunches.

### Less PALMOLIVE but more Schoolgirl Complexions

More women are demanding Palmolive. Yet olive oil has now other war-work to do in addition to safeguarding your schoolgirl complexion. All the same, there will still be enough supplies of Palmolive for all the women who want it if you will do your share of economising.

1. Don't leave Palmolive in bath or basin.
2. Don't lather lavishly—do it out of the water.
3. Don't brush away half the lather on your nail brush—a little makes a big lather.
4. Don't leave the tablet lying in water. Keep it in a perforated soap dish.
5. Don't be selfish—and buy up all the Palmolive in the shop.

Do this—and you will find Palmolive is just as bountiful as ever to the schoolgirl complexions of all women. And remember—Palmolive still costs only 3½d. a tablet.





# I Look After My Children Husband and Home And Also Go To Work

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You may use this letter any way you like. Needless to say, I recommend Yeast-Vite whenever I can.

Thanking you once again,  
Yours gratefully,  
(Sgd.) Mrs. D. E.

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1. Closely associated with bone
2. This sometimes serves a social purpose
3. Most private ones have been given up since the beginning of hostilities against Germany
4. A lad, thinking to impress a girl by lifting his, sometimes gets into trouble
5. Is on or off according to the way it is turned
6. Middle of baking
7. Trick
8. Go quickly
9. River birds
10. When there is a highly technical job to be filled, the applicants are almost sure to be well thinned
11. Pulverise
12. The workers who are endeavouring to put Britain on to the winning square
13. There are not many foreign currencies these useful for German commerce

**CLUES DOWN**

1. It's up to the authorities to see that everyone has a suitable this in war time
2. End of success
3. Cornels, waters, etc.
4. Frieze, tulle, beheaded
5. Heavy these often result in loss of life
6. One is more inclined to be upset by noise when one is this
7. Heavy these often result in loss of life
8. Certain vessels have these in them
9. A hard mistress may make a servant feel a this
10. Unruly this ought to be parted
11. Possibly descriptive of a big disaster
12. Little child
13. Bath
14. Often given to a child to encourage it to have

One other must be written in each square in the coupon, which must be completely filled in by the closing date. Entry fee for one of two squares is SIXPENCE. For three or four squares send in. For each additional two squares send further SIXPENCE. Make Postal Order payable to Oshana Press Ltd. and cross it to A. Co. Write name and address and date of posting on back of P.O. and fill in number upon Entry Form. Envelopes must be sealed and have correct postage. A competitor may submit more than 4 coupons from "The People" or "The People's World" and a coupon from each of any other announcements of this competition in any one week. Competitors submitting more than this will be disqualified and entry fee forfeited.

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All entries MUST be received in our office by this date. Entry Forms must not be mutilated or defaced.

**TO CLAIMS WINNING SQUARE AND WINNERS WILL APPEAR ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1940.**

In the event of a tie for the First Prize the £250 will be equally divided.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** Competitors must not mutilate or deface entry form. Results of Crossword No. 217 see Page Three. Entries from reasons for Committee's findings, also copy of the full Rules and Conditions can be obtained from "THE PEOPLE" COMPETITION MANAGER, 6 La Belle Sauvage, London, E.C.4 or for a single copy enclose with your entry a 1d. stamp and a slip of paper bearing your name and address.

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London, W.C.  
MY Hollywood Secret Service man, H.K.S.X., reports that Errol Flynn and Big Boy Williams had to kill rattlesnakes in their new film "The Sign of the Cross".

Rates from our Advertisement Director for puffs in this column.

HERE let me interpose with a remark from a Wandsworth Three. Millioner, who says that while we have a Royal Air Force (and what a good one!), old Adolf has a Rair Oal Force.

AND one of the Gossip Boys has a nice line in news from Vichy—the last line is the nicest. He says: "Vichy's weather is coarse and dark and bitter; the Petain stronghold has had German children evacuated on it; butter and cream cannot be obtained; Mrs. Corrigan has arrived."

Adolf Amongst The Boys  
AND another Gangster has brought up to date some old doggerel, thuswise: Adolf Hitler, no doubt, when his life ekes out, Will ride in a flaming chariot, Seated in state on a red-hot plate, Between Satan and Judas Iscariot. The latter to Satan will give, "It is clear I really now must give in, So move along higher and make room by the fire From this d—n swine from Berlin."

The War Gets Fiercer Than Ever  
DURING a dog-fight between a single Nazi raider and Spitfire over London yesterday I met Mr. Barry Neame, owner of a famous little hotel at — on the Thames."

(Gossip Ducky)  
For special rates of my feature communicate with our Advertisement Director.

I understand, from my scout in Joe Gumbel's confidence, that I wasn't a German who bombed Buckingham Palace. It was Winston Churchill.

Leaving Friday's dog meeting at the Ascot of Greyhound Racing, I met the Flintham of Greyhound Racing. That owner failed to win two of the eight races. He hadn't anything running in those two!

Appeals Have Overwhelmed Us  
I've got to say a little piece with a dash of reluctance, the decision that no further appeals from the forces can be printed. I hope that the public will understand, but the appeals have got so many and so widely varied that it is impossible to give them all in our restricted space. (2) impossible with our limited resources, (3) to spare the clerical work entailed, (4) to spare the lot of time involved.

Excotic Parties They Called Them  
THE last war bred those strange "Society" women who pushed young men dressed up as children round West end squares in perambulators. Silly old women got up parties where everyone dressed as animals, and occasionally as a little side show, one would stand on her head in the middle of the room.

CALM YOUR NERVES by strengthening your blood  
When you feel "nervy," tired, depressed and don't sleep well, it is your nerves that are out of gear. To make your blood rich and your nerves strong again, you must strengthen your blood with organic iron. This organic iron—known to the medical profession as Iron-Ox—quickly purifies, nerves, brain and muscles. "Nerviness," tiredness and depression disappear. You get deep, calm, refreshing sleep. Iron-Ox Brand Super Tonic Tablets are sold by Boots, Timothy Whites & Taylors and other chemists. 2/3 a package. Get some today.—Advt.

The Sporting Life  
Owing to present circumstances THE SPORTING LIFE is not resuming daily publication until further notice but will continue to appear EVERY MONDAY and it will contain a full and complete English and Irish racing programmes. If you want to make sure of THE SPORTING LIFE every Monday, you must—owing to wartime restrictions—place a standing order with your newsagent at once.

GREYHOUND RESULTS

THE next greyhound meeting at New Cross will be on Thursday.

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## OPEN UP ALL THOSE BASEMENTS!

BY OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SIR JOHN ANDERSON, MINISTER OF HOME SECURITY, IS BEING PRESSED BY EAST END M.P.s AND SOCIAL WORKERS TO ARRANGE FOR SAFE SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION FOR DOCKLAND FAMILIES IN OFFICE BASEMENTS, TUBE RAILWAYS AND OTHER UNDERGROUND PARTS OF CENTRAL LONDON AND THE WEST END. AND FOR MORE SHELTERS TO BE BUILT IN THE EAST END.

The "East" is taking the bombardment well. Many people whose homes have been smashed by the Nazi bombers have already been moved—by rail, coach and river barge—to fresh homes in rural London.

Arrangements are being made by the Minister of Health to evacuate children from those families who would like them to go. But mothers and children, in these days of great danger, want to keep together.

### TUBE SHELTERS

Some proprietors of London office buildings have already, voluntarily, thrown open their basements. But if the Minister took a census of such accommodation, and made an Order, scores of thousands of East End families could be accommodated.

He is also being asked to arrange for the Tube Railways to be thrown open officially to the public as shelters.

At present, large numbers of people are buying railway tickets and sheltering on the platforms at night.

Officially, this is prohibited, but in many cases the Underground authorities are turning a blind eye to the practice.

Increasing numbers of street surface shelters are being built in the East End. They, too, have already saved thousands of lives.

But the buildings of the City, it is pointed out, have "caves" which could provide safe accommodation for huge numbers of East-Enders each night, when their own occupants have gone home.

Until these have been made available, London will not be doing all it can, and all it should, to safeguard the dockland dwellers from the raids.

## America Salutes Londoners' Bravery

# "BRITAIN NOT COWED"

## CIVILIANS WHO IGNORE ALL DANGER

"AS THE TERRIBLE CLIMAX OF THIS WAR DRAWS NEAR, THE BRITISH HAVE NOT BEEN CRIPPLED OR COWED," THE "NEW YORK TIMES" SAID YESTERDAY. "THEY SHOULD DOUBLY AND TREBLY BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND IT BECAUSE THEY

KNOW TO THE LAST MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD WHAT FREEDOM MEANS."

Dealing with the bombing of London, the newspaper says, "The rest of the country is still functioning; the mighty industries of the Midlands and Lancashire have not yet been dented, according to reliable reports."

Then the newspaper quoted the statement by Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, on Friday, that British aircraft production has been maintained despite raids.

Anne O'Hare, the well-known columnist, writing in the "New York Times," says:

"Whitechapel, Poplar and Putney have a very small stake in the British Empire," she says. "They aren't equipped for war. They can't manoeuvre, retreat or

bring up reinforcements. They can only stand where they are and take the most infernal punishment ever meted out to a civilian population."

"Somehow they endure, somehow they crawl out from the rubble and flames and carry on. Invincible fortifications built by man have crumbled—but man himself is the line that holds."

The newspaper's London correspondent says that London is gradually learning that "a bomb's bark is worse than its bite."

"Most of the City is functioning normally," he adds, "and the presence of time bombs has not had any real effect on the life of the City."

Another line is taken by the Herald Tribune's correspondent, who cables: "It would be a poor observer or propagandist who would now ask America to believe that London was still doing business as usual."

"But under harassing hand-cuffs London is still doing business and seemingly everyone intends to keep on doing so."

Mr. Gram Swing, the American commentator, said in a broadcast that the attacks on Buckingham Palace were "a great psychological blunder."

Another line is taken by the Queen, "he said," "is that they have shared the ordeal. King, Queen and people are one. Britain tonight is undaunted."

(Messages from Reuter and B.U.P.)

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## "NOW OR NEVER" CRISIS FOR HITLER

In the meantime, the Nazi High Command, needing further distraction in British circles to prevent persistent and effective interference with their invasion plans, had ordered Italy to send out her navy to attack the British fleet.

A battle plan had been drawn up and senior Nazi officers sent to Taranto to take command. On arrival, however, they were met with a flat denial of office by the Italian naval staff and, some reports say, narrowly escaped personal injury.

A Hitler-Mussolini argument followed in which the Italian dictator not only upheld the refusal to sail under Nazi command, but also stated that the British fleet were now too powerful to be faced in open action.

At this stage the latest Axis crisis began to take the shape that is now forcing Hitler into desperate action to hide the truth of his setbacks from his own people.

Mussolini has also told Hitler that not only had there actually been an Italian naval mutiny when the fleet had previously been ordered out but that in view of the German failure to secure the mastery of the daylight British skies—vital to the success of any invasion—Italy cannot be blamed if she had to take a long view in respect of her own position. It is believed that Hitler has been

gun to fear that this may mean that Mussolini has taken the opportunity to devise his own "peace" plans of using the fleet as a bargaining weapon with Britain in case of a long war in which Germany cannot help Italy in the economic field.

Should Germany fail quickly to give absolute proof of superiority over England, Mussolini—who well knows the facts and fancies of Nazi casualty lists and victory claims—may use the excuse of popular Italian disillusion to break away from the Axis in the hope of saving his own skin.

Nobody is better aware of the precarious and isolated position his colonies, especially Abyssinia, will be in when the rainy season sets in next month.

Mussolini believes that with a few more months of Italian army that can be made to appear a serious menace to Egypt and the Suez Canal. He is in a position to play an ace of trumps for his own hand if Hitler fails to defeat England.

To prevent all these possibilities becoming known inside Germany, Hitler is using every means to prevent Italian default. He is now persuading Italy to agree to an invasion of Egypt to synchronise with an attack on England, and his need explains his latest mass murders and terror tactics to back his persuasion.

### A.A. Win Night Battle

## RAIDERS FAIL TO BOMB THE GUNS

SPECIAL TO "THE PEOPLE"

LONDON'S TERRIFIC A.A. BARRAGE AGAINST THE RANDOM NIGHT RAIDERS HAS GOT THEM RATTLED. DESPERATELY THE NAZI BOMBERS TRIED FOR HOURS ON END DURING FRIDAY NIGHT TO LOCATE AND SILENCE THE THAMES ESTUARY GUNS, WHICH FORM THE OUTER BASTION OF LONDON'S DEFENCE. THEY FAILED COMPLETELY.

All night long the Nazi planes were overhead. They seemed to come from all directions. The most thunderous night barrage yet heard in the Estuary area was sent against them.

Buildings rocked at the blast of the guns. So did the Nazi planes. Not once could they drop an accurate salvo.

Numerous incendiary and high explosive bombs were aimed down at the gunners, but there was not a single casualty.

Over Central London the barrage was so intense that many raiders jettisoned their loads on southern and eastern districts as they raced for home.

### ENEMY DOWN

The Air Ministry communiqué stated: "Enemy air attacks during the night were mainly concentrated on the London area and on a town in South Wales."

"The attacks on London were resumed soon after dark and were again maintained throughout the greater part of the night. Though bombs were dropped in many parts of the capital and its suburbs, most of the damage was caused in the eastern, southern and south-western districts."

"Dwelling houses and industrial premises in several districts were damaged and a number of fires were started. Many of the fires have already been extinguished and all are now under control."

"In South Wales high explosive and incendiary bombs which fell

## TIME BOMB EXPLODES AT PALACE

WITH A terrific roar, a bomb exploded at 3.40 yesterday morning in front of Buckingham Palace.

It was a time bomb, dropped by the enemy raider who dived through the balloon barrage on Friday and dropped five other bombs in a deliberate attempt against the lives of the King and Queen.

The time bomb had embedded itself in the roadway between the Palace railings and the Victoria Memorial.

When it was discovered, police and military put a barrage of sandbags round it to minimise the force of the blast. This precaution probably saved the Victoria Memorial from damage.

The explosion threw debris and wood blocks against the memorial, blew down one of the massive stone pillars in front of the Palace, and wrecked part of the gold and black railings.

British and neutral newspapermen were yesterday shown the Royal Chapel totally wrecked by one of the Nazi bombs.

### BURIED CROSS

It burst just before the altar rail, smashed 100 windows, brought down 20 tons of debris, made a great crater in the floor and scattered and pitted the white and gold passages of the Palace.

One of the 25-ft. pillars that supported the chapel roof was shattered and the foundations of others were torn away.

Buried deep in the crater lie the altar cross and other sacred ornaments.

Under the rubble was discovered undamaged a heavy family Bible which belonged to Queen Victoria and in which are recorded the births of all members of the Royal Family.

On the south side of the altar, covered with dust is the King's Colour of the 3rd Batt. Scots Guards. Its silk is unharmed. Under the wreckage is the battalion's regimental colour.

A priceless Gobelin tapestry depicting the baptism of our Lord by St. John, which hung over the altar, escaped damage.

### NO NEWS

Another baby was found in the wreckage, but there is no news of the mother.

A flat in one of the houses was due to be occupied by a couple who got married yesterday. Their home doesn't exist any more.

A large block of flats in Central London was hit by a raider who dropped a stick of three high-explosive bombs.

One bomb glanced from the roof of a building and brought down a large section of the "all. The other two dropped plumb on the residential block blew out a huge section of masonry and destroyed numerous flats on several floors.

All the occupants of the block had taken refuge in shelters within the building. No one was hurt.

Three more bombs dropped by a lone raider seriously damaged a West London church and almost completely demolished the adjoining vicarage.

Parts of the exterior walls of the church were shattered, and part of the roof collapsed, bringing down with it the interior of the church. Every stained glass window was destroyed.

The vicarage received a direct hit and the only part left standing was a wall on which was sculptured a Cross. The vicar was unhurt.

A famous London building was one of the places on which incendiaries were showered. The institution had its own A.R.P. service. The bombs did slight damage to the records department and to some old timber.

Where casualties occurred they were chiefly in the dormitory

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JAIL AND £10 FOR HITLER "JOKE"

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His lark cost him 30 days in prison, and a fine of £10. Spectators had threatened to overturn the car.—B.U.P.

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